user;

(c) transparently transmit the license file to the user;

(d) subsequent to steps (a), (b), and (c), compare the one or more parameters contained in the license file to the corresponding one or more parameters maintained by the provider system to determine whether or not the user is allowed

access to the content; and

(e) transparently renew the parameters in the license file if the parameters in the license file differ from the corresponding parameters maintained by the provider system to allow continued access to the content by the user in accordance with the license file parameters maintained by the provider system.

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## **REMARKS**

Entry of these amendments, prior to examination, is respectfully requested.

A marked-up version of the claims, which indicates all amendments made, is submitted herewith.

None of the amendments introduce new matter.

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An early and favorable examination is earnestly solicited.

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## **MARKED-UP AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please enter the present marked-up amendment which shows all the changes made to the claims in the attached preliminary amendment.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Amended) A method for dynamic renewability of content comprising the following steps:

(a) creating a license file having one or more parameters for a

content item requested by a user;

(b) transmitting the requested content item from a provider system

to the user;

(c) transparently transmitting the license file to the user;

(d) subsequent to steps (a), (b), and (c), comparing the one or more

parameters contained in the license file to corresponding one or more parameters

maintained by the provider system to determine whether or not the user is allowed

access to the content; and

(e) transparently renewing the parameters in the license file if the

parameters in the license file differ from the corresponding parameters maintained

by the provider system to allow continued access to the content by the user in

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